

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10-13 are in the application.

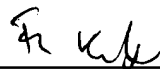
As a result of the foregoing amendment, claims 6, 7 and 8 have been written in independent form.

Accordingly, since the Examiner has indicated that claims 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, it is submitted, that the claims in the application are now allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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